

POST &  
AUXILIARY  
MEETINGS  
3RD Thursday  
both 7 p.m.

# Benson VFW Post 2503 DECEMBER 2023

www.vfwpost2503.org  
(402)-571-8397

Honor Guard  
Meeting  
2nd Thursday  
every month  
7:00 pm

## POST 2503 OFFICERS 2023-2024



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## AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2023-2024



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**Oh Say  
Can You Sing**

Get Excited for the  
**Red, White and Blue**

**SINGING  
CONTEST**

All eligible students in Grades K-12!  
Video of Contestant's solo vocal performance of  
**"The Star-Spangled Banner"**

must be recorded and submitted  
by **March 31, 2024**

Please contact Mary Dalton Quilliam at 503-810-1216  
for more information

## From the Auxiliary President

Happy Holidays to all,

December activities: December 3, Cookie Exchange, all are welcome! Bring 5 dozen cookies to exchange. Refreshments will be served with laughs and friendship.

December 2, 1:30 PM Department of Nebraska officers and Hospital Chairmen will visit the VA Home for a Christmas party. A small gift is given to each Veteran resident of the Home. December 3<sup>rd</sup> there is a Christmas visit to patients and staff at the VA Hospital. 1:00 PM by the Pharmacy.

December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, remember the fallen.

Saturday December 16, 9AM-3PM: The Fall Craft Fair with Holiday season gifts galore!

Saturday December 30, Not Yet New Years Eve Dinner: Steak dinner, entertainment. Reservations.

November events:

Gold Stars family members were honored at a luncheon at A Catered Affair. restaurant. Gold Star mothers and families lost a child or sibling or a direct family member in a war or who died later due to their injuries or disease resulting from their service in a war. We honor the service and sacrifice of families.

Students can now apply for scholarships from the Nebraska VFW. The deadline is in April. Ask us for an application. Applications may be on the wall near the entrance or call me. How about getting some grandkids or youth with art talent to create and enter art to the Nebraska VFW contests. Painting, drawing, 3-D art entries are needed. Awards and scholarship prizes are available at every level. Coloring contest for K-8 Grades, with cash prizes, the coloring pages are available for grade schoolers to be judged and awards given in the Spring. We have the coloring pages for the contest available.

Annual Members: thank you for paying your dues. If you have not sent your check yet, please do it today because to remain in good standing we must receive your dues (\$19) by the end of December! After that you will still be a member, but not in good standing and it may affect your benefits. If dues are NOT received by June 30, 2024. You will need to reapply.

Consider changing to life membership this year. Life dues are by age for example: age 81-85 is \$86.00, age 86-90 is \$69.00 you will need to sign a change form. Call me or ask any member and we will help do a change form.

Thank you to the Auxiliary and friends for the cards and wishes and phone calls while I was recovering from surgery. I am doing very well. The Auxiliary provided a holiday meal on Thanksgiving for Al and me. Thank you very much for making our Holiday enjoyable.

Respectfully, Micky Dorn, President 402-850-5075

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 16, 2023**

**9:00am-3:00pm**

**VFW POST 2503  
8904 Military Rd.  
Omaha, NE 68134**

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OUR LOCAL VETERANS**



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VFWPOST 2503

**CONTACT: Mona Russell  
402.943.9067**

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## **HOUSE & BUILDING REPORT**

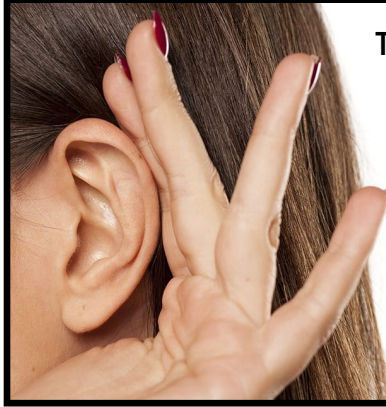
This month's maintenance day saw a lot of improvements accomplished. Volunteers Mick Reeder, Laurel Mitchell, Elroy Trotty, Jan Davis, Jim Sorenson, Larry Quilliam, Luke Charron, and Al Dorn assisted and completed a list of tasks. The picnic tables on the patio were sealed. The old ceiling fans from the canteen were moved into storage, Christmas Trees and decorations were removed from storage. The junk was cleaned out of the attic, the light timer adjusted for the parking lot lights, ice machine emptied, cleaned, and sanitized, and the squeaky drawer in the kitchen addressed.

***Big thanks to our volunteers!!!!***

The next post maintenance day is tentatively scheduled for 17 DEC 23.

-- Bill Hackenberg

## **QUARTERMASTER ANNOUNCEMENT**



**The Quartermaster has heard**

from a disabled veteran who recently moved into a new apartment at the former Skyline Manor who needs 3 or 4 strong people who can unpack the boxes that his belongings are in. It might be a job for a high school student group but they must be accompanied by an adult. See Sharon Cooper at the Post.



**SONS of AMVETS  
DARTS  
TOURNAMENT**

**Sign up at Noon Saturday January 13  
Draw Your Partner — \$5 PER PERSON**

**Dart League Starts Tuesday January 16**

## ***Join Our Honor Guard....***

***..... it's an Honor!***



*New members of our loyal and dedicated Honor Guard squad are always welcome and appreciated by VFW Post 2503 and everyone involved in the Honor Rites process from the funeral homes to the families of our departed veterans. All veterans of Military Service are encouraged to join our group... and being a member of VFW Post 2503 is no longer a qualifying requirement.*

**Contact Captain Les Hardesty at VFW Post 2503**

# DECEMBER 2023

## KITCHEN NEWS for DECEMBER

### VOLUNTEERS

### NEEDED

Still looking for volunteers for Hamburger Nights

Help in the Kitchen or the Serving Table.

If you have a group of 5 or 6 volunteers,

**YOU** can start your own crew!

Please contact Linda at

531-205-5641

JOIN US IN THE CANTEEN FOR **HAPPY HOUR** FROM 4 TO 7 **EVERY FRIDAY**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Open	Post Closed	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open
<p>3 Auxiliary Cookie Exchange NR 12-2</p> <p>Midwest Rod Association SR 5pm</p> <p>50th MP Battalion NR 5pm</p> 	4	<p>5 BOB FIELDS BAND @ 7 PM South Room</p> 	<p>6 <u>Hamburger Night</u></p>  <p>Breaded Cod Cabin Crew</p>	<p>7 Sewing Ladies 1pm</p> <p>Cooties Christmas Party NR 5-10pm</p> <p>Omaha Swing Dance SR 6-10pm</p>	<p>8 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</p> <p>SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION SR 6 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>TAPPS SR 10:30am-12:30pm</p>
<p>10 <b>VTC</b> NR 12 - 4pm</p> <p>VFW Breakfast 8-11 am</p> 	11		<p>13 <u>Hamburger Night</u></p>  <p>Broasted Chicken Kitchen Crew</p>	<p>14 Sewing Ladies 1pm</p> <p>House/Building Committee 5:30pm NR</p> <p>Post &amp; Aux Meetings 7pm</p> <p>Honor Guard Meeting 7pm SR</p>	<p>15 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</p> <p>CRAFT SHOW SET UP</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CRAFT SHOW Open 9-3</p>
<p>17</p> <p>KS State  2 pm</p>	18	 <p>USCGA NR 7pm</p>	<p>20 <b>JUST Hamburgers Night</b></p> 	<p>21 House &amp; Building Committee Meeting NR 5:30pm</p> <p>Post Meeting SR 7pm</p> <p>Aux Meeting NR 7pm</p> <p>Pot Luck Supper Afer</p>	<p>22 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 / 31</p> <p><b>Canteen Open</b></p> <p>From 12 to 7pm on the 31st</p>	25		<p>27 <b>JUST Hamburgers Night</b></p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</p>	<p>Post New Year Eve Party</p> 



*Come celebrate with us!*

AT

**VFW**

**POST 2503**

8904 Military Rd,

Omaha, Nebraska



***Dance 2023 Away!***

**Saturday Night December 30, 2023**

5pm - 6pm Cocktail Hour {No Host Bar}

6pm New York Strip Dinner

7:30pm - 10pm Ground Zero Band

{Back by popular demand}

**Cost: \$35 per person {Non-Refundable}**

Contact Mary Dalton Quilliam at 503-810-1216  
or Larry Quilliam at 503-970-7061 to reserve your tickets.

**LIVE BAND**

**DINNER**

**DANCING**



V.F.W. Post 2503  
8904 Military Road  
Omaha, NE 68134

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**SEE INSIDE FOR:**  
**HUSKER FOOTBALL**  
**TACO TUESDAYS**

*From Your Honor Guard Captain, Les Hardesty*  
**MILITARY RITES: OCTOBER 2023**

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
10/02/2023	Michael Thomas	Omaha National	8 24
10/02/2023	James H. Bush	Omaha National	7 21
10/04/2023	Robert Howell	Forest Lawn	8 24
10/04/2023	Ward Hayden	Forest Lawn	8 24
10/06/2023	Larry Marsic	Westlawn	6 18
10/06/2023	James Kirlin	Forest Lawn	7 21
10/07/2023	Glenn R. Chapp	Hillcrest	7 21
10/8/2023	Lynda Hepburn	American Hero Park	1 1
10/9/2023	Cecil Ward	Calvary	8 24
10/10/2023	John R. Chesters	Omaha National	10 30
10/10/2023	James R. Erixon	Hillcrest	8 24
10/11/2023	Gavin Sealbider	Omaha National	8 24
10/11/2023	Walter Janke	Omaha National	6 18
10/12/2023	Howard Thelen	Omaha National	9 27
10/12/2023	John Kreis	Cedar Dale	9 27
10/13/2023	Harold Jones	Omaha National	10 30
10/13/2023	Harold Gillespie	Omaha National	10 30
10/16/2023	James Jensen	Christ Community	8 24
10/16/2023	Edward J. Beran	Calvary	8 24
10/19/2023	Kenneth Hayes Jr	Omaha National	6 18
10/20/2023	Kenneth E. Herman	Forest Lawn	8 24
10/23/2023	Joseph Gollobit	Omaha National	7 21
10/24/2023	Kenneth Matthews	Omaha National	9 27
10/25/2023	James Polsley	Omaha National	7 21
10/25/2023	William Kell	Holy Sepulcher	6 18
10/26/2023	Richard K. Ward	Omaha National	7 21
10/27/2023	Jerry Bojanski	Calvary	8 24
10/28/2023	Randy Westfall	Camp Ashland	5 15

**Post Member**

Month's Total: 28 Funerals, Member Participation: 209, Total Hours: 627



**OCTOBER 2023**  
**All of our brave brothers**  
**And sisters who have**  
**Passed before us.**

**VFW Auxiliary.....**

.....is sponsoring the "Illustrating American" contest for students in grades K thru 8. Art must be two dimensional on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used. Deadline is March 31, 2024. For more information please contact Mary Dalton Quilliam at 503-810-1216 or for more details on requirements and contest rules go to:



[vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities](http://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities)

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**Call Quartermaster AT 402-571-2835**  
**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WILL NOTICE**



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For help with your donation, please contact  
Ron Hernandez at  
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Or the Post 402-571-8397

**Merry Christmas from the**  
**Honor Guard with a New Year's wish for**  
**A Happy, Healthy, Safe, Prosperous and**  
**Blessed New Year!**

Captain Les Hardesty